

Howard County's Local Children's Board

Meeting Minutes

9/15/20

Attendees

√	Dawn Duignan, Community	√	Charmayne Anderson, Community	√	Sharon Afework, Office of Child Care
√	Francine Trout, Office of Workforce Development	√	Jackie Scott, DCRS	√	Lisa Myers, HCPD
	Fayth Bowie, Youth	√	Mike Mitchell, FIRN		Co-Tu Doan, Youth
√	Erica Byrne, Voices for Children	√	Rich Gibson, States Attorney	√	Melissa Rosenberg, Autism Society
√	Kelly Cimino, DHCD	√	Tonya Aikens, Library	√	Maura Rossman, Health Department
√	Bitu Dayhoff, CAC	√	Michael Martirano, HCPSS		
√	Tim Madden, DJS	√	Stephen Liggett-Creel, DSS		
√	Raul Delorme, DRP				

Staff: Candace Ball, Sucora Best, Marsha Dawson, Kim Eisenreich, Triston Cooper, Benjamin Barnwell, Jasmine Wigginton, Carla Lunn, OCF; Erin Bonzon, OCF; Kamree Hall (Intern)

Public Attendees: County Executive Ball; Jennifer Jones, County Admin; Carl DeLorenzo, County Admin; Dr. Wendell McKay; Adelina Yoon, youth; Lanlan Xu, GC; James LeMon, HCPSS; Shereima Smith, GC; Andy Masters, GC

Meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. – County Executive Ball offered brief remarks thanking the Local Children's Board for their work and commitment to helping improve the lives of county citizens.

Roll Call

Co-Tu Doan, Fayth Bowie - Excused

Consent Agenda – Motion made by Melissa, Seconded by Tonya

Approval of June 16, 2020 Minutes

FY18 LCB Audit

Priority Investment Updates

- Racial Equity
 - LCB staff and board trained on Groundwater and Phase I of the Racial Equity Institute
 - Hosted racial equity trainings for community-based organizations
 - Racial Equity Institute trainings now offered online
 - 5 cohorts established to participate in trainings
 - HCPSS (2 teams)
 - Howard County Recreation and Parks
 - Howard County Library System
 - Office of Workforce Development
 - Voices for Children
- Mental Health
 - Supported families with LCT flex funds (home activities, classes, camps, transportation)
 - Provided 6 mattresses and beds for families

- Partnered with the Office of Children and Families and Lighthouse Therapy and Play to support the cost of play therapy for 3 children
- Summer Scholars
 - Summer Scholars switched from in-person to a virtual program
 - HoCo Scholars established to support middle school students in virtual learning and social & emotional wellbeing
 - Looking at ways to continue with the after-school program once school returns to in-person format
- Food Access
 - Created a free meal program and partnered with Roving Radish to serve families over 4,000 meal kits, 1,200 hot meals, 850 grocery boxes
 - Lisbon Food and Fun Program provided 536 meal kits, 401 snack packs, 657 hot meals, 16 enrichment activities

Recommendation to reallocate funds from Lisbon's Weekend Warrior program to Roving Radish meal kits program

Motion made by Erica; Seconded by Mike

Learning Agenda Presentation by Fran Trout

- Office of Workforce Development partners with Columbia Workforce Center and MultiService Center
 - Supports those seeking employment
 - Works with businesses around recruitment and retention
 - Job seeker services-career counseling, essential skills, GED, job search, youth services
 - Business solution services-workforce retention analysis, recruitment, job fairs, apprenticeships

Board and Guiding Coalition Updates

Sharon-Office of Child Care

- Child care programs reopening slowly, currently 140 centers out of 185 and 259 family child care providers

Bitia – Community Action Council

- Head Start opening at a lower capacity, currently has openings
- Housing-135 families served by federal funding through HUD

Steven-DSS

- Pandemic benefits will be distributed at the end of the month
- Continue work with the Family First Program
- Focus on equity and how to improve services

James-HCPSS

- Restarted the Grab & Go meals program, online form available for ordering
- FARM's application available online and available at school sites
- Adding hotspots to assist families with internet connection, additional services through Comcast Internet Essentials

Fran-Workforce Development

- Governor's Workforce Development Board looking at having racial equity conversations around the state

Melissa – Autism Society

- Emergency grants available as well as special needs consults

Dawn – Asked for volunteers to serve on the Workforce Committee to help guide the landscape analysis process and inform the NOFA.

- Volunteers: Fran, Melissa, Erica, Tim
- Meetings will be few and mostly conducted virtually/over email.

Adjourned at 10:40 a.m. – Motion made by Fran, seconded by Erica

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 17, 2020